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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-entitled matter, Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the Patent Office additional prior art received in connection with an Official Action issued in Applicant's corresponding Japanese application.¹ Attached is U.S. Patent Office Form PTO-1449, including copies of the prior art references listed therein, and a copy of the Official Action. Where available, English language counterparts and/or abstracts also are provided for Examiner's convenience. Applicants are not submitting copies of the U.S. Patent reference/U.S. Patent Publication as the Office waived the requirement. The claims in the present application are believed to be patentably distinguished over these references.

¹ The Examiner's attention is directed to the fact that the Japanese patent application number referred to in the enclosed Japanese Office Action, "2003-411921", is different from the Japanese patent application number, "2003-026485", on which the priority of the present US application is based. This is because that the Applicant re-filed the patent application in Japan, claiming the priority of the original patent application (2003-026485) in accordance with the so-called "Domestic Priority Application" system in Japan. In this System, the original patent application is regarded as being withdrawn, and the re-filed application has a new number, 2003-411921. For this reason, the Japanese Office Action refers to the new patent application number. However, the re-filed Japanese patent application has the same contents as the present US application.

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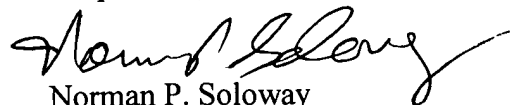
In compliance with the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 35 U.S.C. § 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits a translation of portions of an Official Action by a foreign Examiner in which the references were cited. The relevance to the pending U.S. patent application is that the references were cited in a foreign patent application on the same subject matter. However, no independent analysis of the reference, the accuracy of the statement of foreign Examiner or the claims of the foreign application under the laws of the country or the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present application has been made; the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the translation of the foreign Examiner's comments submitted therewith.

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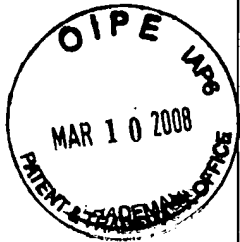
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